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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
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**Re: Oral *Ex Parte* Communication  
CC Dockets 96-45**

Dear Madam Secretary:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1206, we hereby provide you with notice of an oral *ex parte* presentation in connection with the above-captioned proceedings.

On Wednesday, November 12, 2003, Scott Bergs on behalf of Midwest Wireless, along with undersigned counsel, on behalf of the Alliance of Rural CMRS Carriers ("ARCC"), met with Commissioner Martin and Senior Legal Advisor Dan Gonzalez to discuss the ongoing Joint Board proceeding in the above-referenced docket.

We discussed uses of support, primary line restriction, controlling fund growth, portability of support, and disaggregation of support. The positions taken were consistent with papers previously filed with the Commission by the ARCC. We also discussed the need for prompt Commission action on pending petitions for service area redefinition from various states and in particular how consumers in southern Minnesota are being harmed by the delay. Copies of materials distributed at the meeting are enclosed.

Sincerely,

/s/

David A. LaFuria

Enclosures

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cc: Hon. Kevin Martin  
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